

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



February 25, 1997

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-11-97

FSDIN I-03-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
ALL TITLE IV-D AGENCIES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☒ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: \$50 CHILD SUPPORT DISREGARD IN THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH
DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: PUBLIC LAW (PL) 104-193: PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT (PRWORA) OF 1996;
ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-54-96

The purpose of this notice is to provide clarification to counties regarding current AFDC program requirements for the \$50 child support disregard. As you are aware, Public Law (PL) 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, provides block grant funding to states under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The law eliminates the federal requirement to pay the \$50 child support disregard to families receiving AFDC. While it is clear that PL 104-193 eliminates the disregard requirement, the law does not prohibit states from continuing to pay the disregard.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submitted its initial TANF State Plan to the federal government dated October 9, 1996. This State Plan was approved and in effect as of November 26, 1996. As outlined in ACIN I-54-96, this State Plan included only the minimum changes required to capture federal funding under TANF. CDSS is continuing to operate welfare programs under existing program regulations until an overall redesign is developed in conjunction with the Legislature, counties and affected stakeholders. Under this State Plan, the \$50 disregard must continue to be paid to aided families in accordance with

current regulations. Additional information regarding financial participation, as well as claiming and reporting instructions will be provided by the Child Support Management Bureau in a subsequent letter.

If you have any questions regarding the disregard, please contact Cora Myers of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 654-2236/CALNET 464-2236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Wagstaff". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

BRUCE WAGSTAFF
Deputy Director
Welfare Programs Division